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## Minister sends MPs letter over probe at college

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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A REVIEW into a college being investigated by the government could ultimately lead to it being dissolved or taken over, a letter from a minister has revealed.

The Minister for Skills and Enterprise Matthew Hancock wrote a letter this week outlining action that could be taken once the Further Education Commissioner completes his assessment at Barnfield College.

The letter was sent on Tuesday to Luton South MP Gavin Shaker and other MPs who may have constituents at the college.

The FE Commissioner's two-week visit is part of a joint Department for Education (DfE) and Skills Funding Agency (SFA) investigation into the Barnfield Federation, which runs the college and several academies.

The letter, made available to *Luton on Sunday*, states that the college could be taken over, dissolved or the governing body replaced if the inquiry's findings suggest this as the best course of action.

In it, Mr Hancock said the FE



Gavin Shaker MP was among the people sent the letter on Barnfield

Commissioner's review was a result of 'concerns on the adequacy of financial controls and is in line with the government's intervention policy set out in Rigour and Responsiveness in Skills'.

An attached document explains that interventions can take place when a college is judged as 'inadequate' by Ofsted or if it fails on minimum standards or financial management requirements.

The FE Commissioner, Dr

David Collins CBE, was appointed in November last year to tackle failing colleges.

He will advise Mr Hancock, the SFA and the Education Funding Agency on the capability of the college's board to 'deliver financial control improvements'.

A report on the government's findings at the Federation is due at the end of the month.

Last week, Judy Oliver, the acting chair of the Barnfield Federation Board, said: "The Further Education Commissioner will be spending the next two weeks at Barnfield College as part of the Skills Funding Agency's recent investigation."

"Both the management and Governors of the college will be fully engaged with the Commissioner and his team; the Board of Governors remain fully committed to building on improvements that are already under way and to make further changes where appropriate."

"Therefore no further statement is expected to be made until the publication of the report due at the end of this month."



### Thomas wins £100,000 lottery jackpot!

A 66-YEAR-OLD man from Luton is planning to ride off into the sunset after scooping the top prize on the Health Lottery.

Retired lorry driver Thomas Dilley won the £100,000 jackpot after matching all five balls on the November 30th draw.

Thomas, who has been spending his retirement touring around Somerset

is now planning to buy himself a new caravan to continue his travels.

"This is beyond my wildest dreams," he said. "I am going to buy a new touring caravan and bank the rest."

Dominic Mansour, Chief Executive of The Health Lottery said: "Well done Mr Dilley, and what a perfect retirement present. I hope he will now enjoy his retirement in style."

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# 'Written warning' for PCC over disclosure

BY KATHRYN CAIN AND LAUREN ARCHELL  
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**BEDFORDSHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has received a written warning for disclosing 'confidential information' about the death of a man held in police custody.**

Luton man Leon Briggs died in November after being detained and restrained by Bedfordshire Police under the mental health act.

In December, *Luton on Sunday* reported that PCC Olly Martins had passed on confidential information about the death of Mr Briggs to a 'close friend' who works at the Home Office.

On Tuesday morning, Mr Martins appeared before the county's Police and Crime Panel where he admitted passing on information about the investigation. The panel found that the commissioner had disclosed unauthorised confidential information to another party.

A Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel Spokesperson said: "The panel will be issuing a written reprimand to the Commissioner emphasising that any further breaches of confidentiality will not be tolerated."

A statement issued on Mr Martins's behalf said: "To my great regret I discussed, purely



**WARNING: PCC Olly Martins**

with a close associate, some information that had been provided to me in my role as Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the death of Leon Briggs.

"Unfortunately, the person to whom I spoke did not appreciate the sensitivity of what had been said, nor indeed completely understood it, and went on to repeat a garbled interpretation of it to a third party.

"The very last thing that I wish to see is a frenzy of speculation surrounding my actions overshadowing the really important issue, namely how and why Leon Briggs died whilst in police custody."

Campaigners have since branded the leak 'reckless' and

questioned why Tuesday's hearing was held in private.

In a statement, the Justice 4 Leon Briggs Committee said: "We find it extremely reckless and unprofessional of Mr Martins to disclose confidential information about the Leon Briggs case to a third party, especially as the case is still ongoing.

"In the first public meeting the family and community were promised both openness and transparency and find this to be to the contrary, due to the fact the hearing was held in private.

"This does not instill faith and trust within the community, something the authorities are requesting from us."

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) investigation into the death is on-going, and the body will now consider whether the PCC's breach will have to form part of their enquiry.

Following the hearing, the IPCC said: "We have asked for and received information from the panel about the incident and the action it has taken.

"We have also asked the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) for some initial advice.

"We will assess this in determining whether there is a requirement for IPCC involvement."

## L&D defends £1.3m spend on A&E locum staff

A HOSPITAL has defended its use of temporary doctors in its accident and emergency department after it was revealed to have spent more than £1m on them last year.

Figures released by the Labour Party showed that the Luton & Dunstable Hospital spent £1.3m on locum doctors in 2012/13, the second highest in the region and an increase of £942,703 since 2009/10.

Nationally, the data showed spending across 108 NHS Trusts had risen to £83.3m, up from

£52m in 2009/10. The eastern region saw a rise of 54.24 per cent (£5.9m up to £9.1m).

A spokesman for the L&D said its locum spend had risen sharply because it had been increasing investment in its A&E department since 2010 and recruiting more doctors to deal with rising patient attendances.

A&E patient numbers at the hospital went up from 61,000 in 2009 to over 78,000 in 2013.

The spokesman added: "We employ long term medical locums on an individual basis,

rather than ad hoc agency staff, for a variety of reasons: to bridge the time lag which can occur when filling substantive medical posts, to fill any gaps in the number of doctors whom we are required to employ in rotational training posts, and to cover long term sickness among our staff.

"We have recently recruited more doctors to permanent posts in A&E and this includes three consultants and specialist staff for the six-bed paediatric unit in the Emergency Department which opened in 2013."

## newsbriefs

## STAFFIE STOPS WOULD-BE ROBBER

A STAFFORDSHIRE bull terrier came to his owner's rescue on Wednesday morning after she was targeted by a robber in Houghton Regis.

The 42-year-old woman was walking her pet in Houghton Green at around 10.15am, when he ran into a wooded area.

As the woman went to look for the dog, she was grabbed from behind by the offender in a 'bear hug'.

The victim began screaming and at this point her Staffordshire bull terrier came running out of the wood and chased the offender across Houghton Green and towards Cemetery Road.

If you have witnesses this incident please call Bedfordshire Police on the non-emergency number 101.

## JOIN HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

COMMUNITY leaders, councillors, residents and council staff will be commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day on Sunday, January 26, at 3pm in Luton Town Hall Council Chamber.

Luton's programme includes songs, a presentation of film clips highlighting different journeys undertaken by victims and survivors and an extract from the experience of John Edelman a Holocaust survivor.

If you would like to attend Luton's Holocaust Memorial Day event please register your interest by contacting Ann Loeffler on 01582 546033.

## TRAVEL CHAOS FOR COMMUTERS

THERE was chaos for rail commuters in Luton on Friday after overhead wire problems caused major delays.

Trouble with the overhead wires at Hendon were to blame for the issues which affected First Capital Connect services between Bedford and Brighton.

A spokesman for Network Rail said: "We apologise to passengers who have had their journeys disrupted today (Friday).

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# Busway sign for drivers 'not paying attention'

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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AN electronic sign has been placed at an entrance to the busway as motorists continue to get their vehicles stuck on the track.

The temporary matrix sign, which reads 'Busway no entry', will be in place at New Bedford Road in Luton, for a month.

It is then hoped that rising bollards near the train station will be working, and the problem of motorists attempting to drive along the guideway will be resolved for good.

Since the opening of Luton Dunstable Busway in September a number of vehicles have mistaken the entrance for a road and have proceeded to get stuck in the car trap.

In December, the car breakdown service RAC told *Luton on Sunday* that better signage was needed to prevent drivers from 'accidentally straying onto it', after being called to a number of motorists who had become trapped on the track.

The authority had previously stated that the signage was up to Government-approved standards and was balanced between informing drivers of the regulations and not over cluttering the street scene. But as motorists continue to drive onto the



**NO ENTRY:** The temporary sign will be at the New Bedford Road entrance for a month

track, action had to be taken.

A council spokesman said: "There is simply no excuse for attempting to drive along the busway and anyone who is looking where they are going would see that there is no road to drive on."

"As a temporary measure to help drivers who are still not paying proper attention when driving to get used to the idea that a guideway is clearly not somewhere you should try to drive your car, we have installed a

temporary matrix sign displaying a relevant message at the New Bedford Road entrance to the guided Busway. It is clearly visible to car and van drivers unlawfully using the route behind the Galaxy."

Driving on the busway is illegal and can lead to the legal action resulting in a criminal record and a fine of up to £1000.

- Do you think the new sign will help? Contact us on Facebook or Twitter and let us know.

## Film shows non-white role in WW1

THE influence of the four million non-white people who were involved in the First World War has been highlighted during a documentary shown as part of a special centenary event at the University of Bedfordshire.

The Imperial War Museum's (IWM) feature 'Whose Remembrance?' looked at the experiences and encounters of those who served from Britain's vast, former empire – around one million of whom lost their lives during the battles

of 1914 to 1918.

The piece, which was screened on Thursday, also looked at the relevance such memories have for diverse communities in Britain today.

It was co-hosted between IWM, Luton Culture and the university and included a panel discussion led by Suzanne Bardgett, IWM's head of research, Professor Karen Randell from the university, and community leaders.

Councillor Jacqui Burnett, from the

Limbury ward, opened the event.

She said that this history "needs to be shared" with schoolchildren and local communities.

She said: "The documentary was very interesting for me, as it showed that my ancestors actually made a difference."

"And we can say that we are in this country by right."

"Prior to seeing this film, I never knew of our influence."

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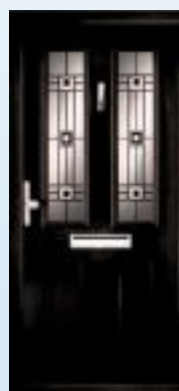
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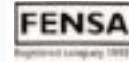
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# Ex-Hatters' player died from overdose

BY JULIA SUTTON  
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FORMER Luton Town footballer Parys Okai's friend kissed him as he lay dying on a dancefloor from a drug overdose and told him "I'm not going to leave you", an inquest heard.

Lee Orcheston comforted the former professional footballer after he collapsed from an ecstasy overdose at the O2 Academy nightclub, Leicester.

Mr Okai died in Leicester Royal Infirmary on October 30, three days later.

Mr Orcheston told the hearing at Leicester Town Hall how he, 28-year-old Mr Okai and another friend had travelled from Luton to the two-day music event, Outbreak.

He said he had 1g of ecstasy on him and Mr Okai 3g.

Once they were in the club, Mr Orcheston said he saw Mr Okai dancing a lot and knew he had taken ecstasy.

At some point during the evening, Mr Orcheston, went outside. A girl ran out and told him Mr Okai had collapsed.

"I ran back inside and saw Parys on the floor. He was fitting. I kissed him and said 'Parys, mate, you're cool. It's



OVERDOSE: Parys Okai

Lee. I'm not going to leave you."

Mr Orcheston said he and a member of the venue's security staff moved Mr Okai to a private room, where emergency first aid was administered until paramedics arrived and took over.

Toxicologist Peter Smith said Mr Okai had a level of 1,906 nanogrammes of MDMA – generally known as ecstasy – in a millilitre of blood.

Dr Smith said blood levels of above 500 nanogrammes per millilitre had proved fatal, and that Mr Okai died of an overdose of MDMA.

Dr Smith said taking ecstasy potentially had several fatal consequences.

Mr Orcheston said he had known Mr Okai of all his life

and had only seen him take drugs once before, at a club in London a week earlier.

He told the inquest he did not supply Mr Okai with the drugs and had no idea where he got them from.

Mr Okai's mother, Gillian Edmunds, said she had never seen her son take drugs.

She said: "My son was very fit. He was a footballer. He didn't hide anything from me and I would have known if he was taking drugs."

Detective Constable Eleanor Develin said the police had investigated Mr Okai's death but did not know who had supplied him with the drug.

Coroner Catherine Mason recorded a verdict of misadventure. She said all the evidence pointed to the fact Mr Okai had taken the drugs voluntarily.

Mrs Mason warned people not to take street drugs because, as well as being illegal, nobody could be sure of what was in them.

She said: "Please don't dabble – and pass out that message. Let that be an ongoing memory to Mr Okai, that lives may be saved by his death."

Mr Okai's family did not comment after the hearing.

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Minutes later he was found unconscious in the road with a serious head injury.

His mobile phone and wallet had been stolen.

The teen was rushed to Addenbrookes Hospital where he remains in a High Dependency Unit in a serious, but stable condition.

Investigating officer, Detective Constable Gill Cowley, said: "This was a horrendous attack on a young man who was home from university and had enjoyed a night out with friends."

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# Church organ fund reaches £28,000!

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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A GENEROUS grant and a fun calendar have helped fundraisers collect £28,000 to save the 143-year-old organ in High Town Methodist Church.

The instrument was built by Wilkinson in 1870, but after being played during services, weddings and funerals in Luton for more than a century, the valuable organ now needs refurbishing.

The full restoration, which involves cleaning and straightening 1,660 individual lead pipes, is expected to cost at least £70,000. Since launching the campaign last June, churchgoers have been planning events including sponsored golf days and a Harvest supper to help raise the much-needed funds.

David Goodge, who has been the church organist for 20 years, said he is delighted with the progress the campaign has made.

"We were delighted to receive a £10,000 grant from the Historic Churches fund, which has really boosted the total we have collected so far.



**DELIGHTED:** Almost £28,000 has been raised for the High Town organ appeal - but the church is hoping to collect £70,000

"We also sold 250 calendars which featured pictures of all the old streets in Luton. That helped us to raise around £1,000. We are hoping to apply for a number of other grants and are in the process of planning our fundraising events for the year.

"The organ is now deteriorating quite quickly

and the worry is that it will go beyond repair and become unplayable.

"We have one of the last remaining Wilkinson organs here in Luton, and to lose the history and heritage that goes with it really is unthinkable."

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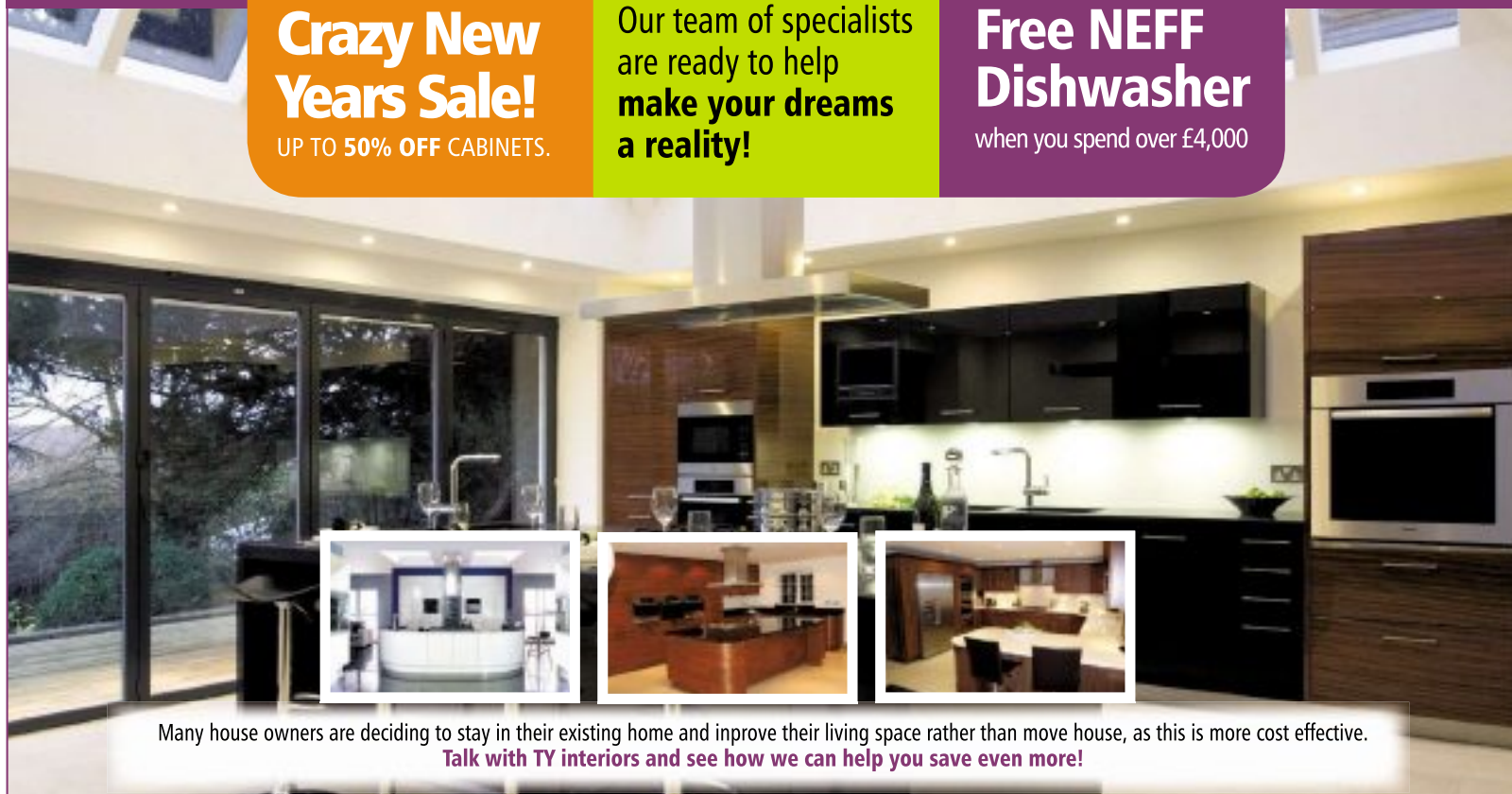
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## Anger at plan for TV show in police station

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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**CAMPAIGNERS for a man who died in police custody have branded an upcoming Channel 4 documentary about Luton Police Station 'inappropriate'.**

The Justice 4 Leon Briggs Committee have said they are shocked that the show is being allowed to go ahead while Bedfordshire Police is under investigation by the IPCC over the death of Leon Briggs in November.

The force has since admitted that the timing of the announcement was 'insensitive', adding that the series was given the go ahead in September after a year of discussions. The programme will be produced by The Garden Productions, who created the award-winning series '24 Hours in A&E'.

In a statement the Justice 4 Leon Briggs Committee said: "The committee strongly oppose the filming of a reality type show of Luton Police Station as we find it totally

insensitive to Leon and his family at a time when they are in mourning."

A spokesman from Bedfordshire Police said: "It was never our intention to offend supporters of the Justice 4 Leon campaign and recognise that the timing of this announcement was insensitive."

"It's a real opportunity to help viewers understand how Bedfordshire Police cope with the hugely complex range of issues they face on a daily basis."

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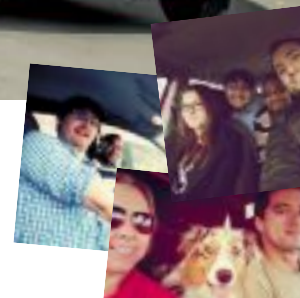
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# your letters

## They should have demanded PCC's resignation

SIR - IT'S official then. Our Police and Crime Commissioner has been a naughty boy. A very naughty boy.

This week he was hauled before the Police and Crime Panel where some very angry panel members gave him a right royal roasting before serving him with a written reprimand.

Not enough. Not nearly enough in my opinion for sharing confidential information with a 'close associate' at the Home Office about an ongoing IPCC investigation.

Just how 'close' is this associate and how much other 'confidential information' has he gossiped to them? And how many other 'close associates' are there?

He tells us that he 'briefly considered resigning'. Yeah, right.

Till he remembered the £70,000 pay packet he'd be turning his back on. But he shouldn't have been given the choice - his resignation should have been



CAUTION: PCC Ollie Martins was given a written warning this week

demanding on the spot.

How can he continue to function now that everyone knows he blabs confidences to his friends?

Then there's the Independent Police Complaints Commission whose inquiries he has potentially

compromised. Let's hope they have more teeth and can see the serious and almost certainly irreparable damage that Mr Martins has wrought on his position of high trust.

He was clearly never a big enough man for this job and coming at the

end of all the other shameful things he's done over the last fourteen months this really should be the last straw.

I'm sure I speak for the vast majority when I say we look forward to being shot of him.

Ron Turvey,  
Stanmore Crescent, Luton

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## Look at both sides

SIR - IN response to the article about Sadiya Mughal leading a group to train Muslim mothers to educate children and prevent children from turning to extremists (LoS 12/11/14), I feel it is a failed project from the start.

I feel that good money is being wasted on a failed project like many other 'prevent' projects before. I am sure that Ms Mughal is a great poster girl for this scheme however this project is missing the fundamental, underlining problem. The problem as many will agree is 'the war on terror' itself.

All due respect to Ms Mughal as she is living proof that the 'war on terror' affects us all, Muslims and non-Muslims alike. No one has been untouched by this campaign bringing misery to millions and even in the UK.

I am sure that very few parents want their children to either undergo a life as a terrorist or keep secrets and a hidden anger or hatred from them. I feel that discussions with the child regarding this and any issue are excellent and much needed.

However if you are not addressing the fundamental problem of what caused BOTH sides of this issue then you will not be tackling the problem.

I feel that more and more children under the project of 'I spy on my little child' will feel more and more alienated and even

end up resenting their own parents. The facts speak for themselves, how many think tanks advised Mr Blair that if you start this campaign of 'war on terror' you will have many problems at home.

I like many others would like to see peace throughout the whole world and in the UK but this will take much work addressing both sides of the issue.

Which counsellor would only look at one side of the issue?!

If we wish to have the 'head in sand' approach and think there is nothing wrong with the foreign policy then it is us who need the education and empowerment.

Zayd Faaz,  
Dallow Road, Luton

## Our zoo helps animals

SIR - I REFER to the letter headed 'Protect the animals' by Ben Williamson of PETA (LoS, 12/11/14)

My goodness how misguided and out of touch Mr Williamson is. I doubt if he has ever visited Whipsnade Zoo.

Most of the animals have a relative life of luxury compared to their brethren even those in the great Serengeti national park in Africa.

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If it wasn't for the likes of ZSL (Whipsnade and London), many species would rapidly become extinct. Even the mighty elephant is in great danger from ivory poachers. ZSL helps fund protection of these wonderful creatures from a ludicrous death. Visit [www.zsl.org/conservation](http://www.zsl.org/conservation).

Mr Williamson should visit Whipsnade Zoo and in particular the 'Passage Through Asia' and see for himself just how uncaged animals are.

Move then to the elephant enclosure and around the zoo to all the various places where you may or may not look at the animals.

They will go away from the public if they so wish, they are NOT exhibits.

Incidentally, I do not work at the zoo and have no self vested interest. I just appreciate what they do as a world class zoo.

Roger Bryant,  
Laburnham Grove, Luton

## Come on you Hatters!

SIR - WELL, Mr Still has got Luton Town top of league - and of course if this goes on and they win the league, up they go.

I don't want to put a dampener on things, but will the ground be fit for purpose?

At the moment the attendance is around 6-7,000 supporters. If they go up, and I say if, the gates have to be around 10-12,000.

The extra fans would have to

pay for better players for the club to keep them up - so where do you get another 4,000 supporters from?

Don't forget you've got Watford, St Albans, MK Dons and of course Stevenage in a 20-mile or so radius of the town.

Going back to 1948-80, the town got around 20-25,000 supporters and that was for the first team and the reserves. Bury Park was rammed, but of course there wasn't the traffic as there is now, and you could walk down the paths.

Just think about 4,000 extra people - it would be an absolute nightmare.

I just had a thought, do you think the busway was forward thinking on the council part - to build said busway just in case the town did go up?

Do you think that is possible? Replies on the back of a stamp please.

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## Good days for MPs

SIR - NADINE Dorries said on question time, 'the good days are not here yet'.

The good days are here for some lucky people, like MPs.

They have just been given a 11% pay rise, bringing their wages up to £75,000. Oh yes.

We are all in it together.  
John Tucker,  
Bracklesham Gardens, Luton



Your comments on the stories on our website this week:

## PCC is given warning

@JohnEJefferson: Public excluded, behind closed doors whitewash in all probability. All that power with a total turn out of 15%!

To be honest Ollie Martins desperation to hold on to power is reminiscent of Margaret Moran and is at best undignified!!!!

@DouglasL2013: joke

## Anti-terrorism project

@lutonexcelsior - Sajda is a brave woman having been a victim of terrorism she is helping others watch for the signs and making people aware.

No one being targeted or victimized in what she is doing, I don't understand the negative reaction to her honourable endeavours.

## Pothole season here

@lutoncouncil - Hi, remember if locations are reported to us we will repair within 24 hours.

@alandwinter - suffering pot holes in Central Bedfordshire? So long as they're sizeable, email [highways@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

@Kirk\_Rayment here they are doing road works by Station and Crescent Rd. The road there is a joke and will damage cars.

## Row over airport plan

@midlandcottages: Luton council have no consideration for the people who live in the area that surrounds the airport they just see pound signs

## Our most read online

- Bedfordshire PCC Ollie Martins given 'written warning' for disclosing confidential information

- Former Luton Town footballer Parys Okai died from an overdose of the drug MDMA, an inquest is told

- Caretaker talked down from roof of Cardinal Newman school in Luton daubed the word 'bullies' on building

- Musician Paul Young will return to hometown to take part in Splash!

- Which Luton food restaurants and eateries have been given five out of five in the hygiene ratings?

- Terrorist who plotted attack on Luton Territorial Army centre handed extra FOUR MONTHS in jail for refusing to hand over computer password

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**W**E love our holidays. And not just the holidays themselves. The present Mrs Lowe and I spend many a happy evening planning them and there is also the anticipation, during the long, cold winter.

I have been known to occasionally drift away during a less than exciting part of a meeting, thinking of that break, that beach, that bustling city.

As parents though, they are becoming more difficult to take and much more expensive, especially if we follow the new draconian rules on taking children out of school. These rules were obviously devised by people who have too much money and no common sense. And probably no children.

One family is facing imprisonment for taking their children on holiday during school time. It was their first holiday in five years and they believed they had permission. The new mantra is that if a child misses even a week it could damage their education for life.

Last year ours lost nearly twice that through the school being closed when a snowflake was spotted, training days and strike days. But they don't count, whereas hard-pressed parents must only use school holidays.

And why not I hear some of

Take a holiday in term time? The state says no

you say? Well firstly the cost. It can be quite literally several thousand pounds more expensive, as holiday companies and airlines ramp up their prices to a captive audience. Perhaps the Government should look at that.

Second, many working parents cannot choose when they have their holidays, as their jobs may demand certain times only, or as not everyone in an office, such as ours, can be off at the same time. So everyone wants Christmas and the summer hols but the papers still have to be written and produced.

And there are, in our ethnically diverse country, many celebrations that take place outside normal school holidays and even outside this island.

I confess we took our then ten-year-old out last year, but when we explained she would be visiting Hong Kong, Vietnam, including Ho Chi Minh City, Cambodia, Thailand and Singapore, the school accepted that was an education in itself and gave permission. Perhaps parents should tailor their request: Going to Florida, to see

bio-diversity in the Everglades; visiting India to witness the formation of ox-bow lakes; travelling through Italy to study renaissance painting, and so on.

The unofficial state-school version of all those trips kids go on from Independent schools. More seriously, this just smacks of unnecessary bureaucracy and almost a form of punishment.

Perhaps parents could be allowed two weeks out of term, so long as it does not coincide with exams, or the dreaded SATS.

The only other hope is to put out the story that this is an EU directive, then our MPs might wake up and demand a bit of freedom for hard-working parents. But I accept asking MPs to help is the last refuge of a desperate man.

AJP Taylor once said that before World War I the only time the ordinary working man came into contact with the state was when he went to the post office. Now we need to fill in forms and beg the state to take our kids on holiday. Welcome to the brave new world.



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## Deaths

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# Worker protests on school rooftop

BY LAUREN ARCHELL

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**POLICE negotiators talked a man down from the roof of a Luton school after he had daubed the word "bullies" on the side of the building.**

The man, described as a member of 'support staff', at Cardinal Newman School, climbed onto the roof of the main building at 7.30am on Monday morning.

The police set up a cordon around the school in Warden Hill Road in the town as the pupils, who are aged 11 to 18, arrived for lessons.

After two and a half hours he was talked down.

One parent branded the scene 'chaos.' He said: "There were three police cars blocking the entrance to Warden



**GRAFFITI:** The word 'bullies' is cleared from the side of the building

Hill Road.

"Children on school buses were being dropped off by South Beds Golf Club.

"One teacher said the site was now being managed by police, but added that all the children were safe."

Cardinal Newman Head

teacher Jane Crow said: "Police attended an incident at Cardinal Newman involving a member of the school's support staff.

"Thankfully, no-one was hurt and the staff member was taken to hospital.

"No pupils were involved."

## Resident wakes to find burglar inside his home

A MAN woke up to find a burglar inside his property – in the middle of the day.

The 26-year-old had been asleep inside his Cranleigh Gardens home in Luton on Friday, January 10, when he was woken

by a noise at around 1.15pm. He went in to another room to investigate and found a man searching through a jewellery box. The burglar threatened the occupant and fled the property through a kitchen window.

The thief is described as a white man with a pale complexion in his late 20s to early 30s, clean shaven and wearing a black beanie hat and dark clothes.

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# Should food outlets display their ratings?

**LAST week Luton on Sunday's online coverage of food hygiene ratings generated a huge debate.**

We highlighted data available on the Food Standards Agency's (FSA) website but not everyone checks it before heading out to eat.

In England, 323 out of 326 local authorities run the FSA scheme which gives food businesses ratings between five and zero for hygiene.

However, unlike in Wales, it is not compulsory for outlets to display them.

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**MAMA'S KITCHEN: Five stars**

Is it time restaurants and takeaways were required to display their food hygiene ratings? **CARL MUNGAZI** investigates

the Jitlada Thai Restaurant in Wellington Street, said although he displays his five rating, he thinks it makes no big difference to customers.

He said: "If you go for dinner will you be looking for the rating or do you go out because your friend said you should go there?"

"When tourists come to the town they don't search by the rating but by what's closest. Personally, I cannot see the difference it will make."

Marjorie Robinson, owner of Mama's Kitchen, said her five-star hygiene rating 'boosted' staff morale and customer confidence.

She said: "It's boosted customer confidence because they know that we take pride in our food hygiene."

Majid Hussain's business Chicken & Pizza Direct in Bishopscoe Road was rated zero in June last year.

He said "things have improved" since then but he has a mixed view on making ratings' display mandatory.

He said: "It depends because if I get a zero then it will look bad on me. If I have a good number then it will be good for my shop. The rating is on the internet and people do look at it. It all depends."

For mandatory rating display to come into force the law would need to change.

The FSA has said it was 'monitoring carefully' the impact of the Welsh scheme but said it was focusing more on increasing the number of outlets voluntarily displaying their ratings.

An FSA spokeswoman added: "We are also promoting the scheme to consumers and highlighting to them that if they don't see a rating they should ask the business

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Locally, Luton council has said it would 'welcome' mandatory display as it would raise hygiene standards and also increase information for customers.

But what about the alternatives? The British Hospitality Association has called for the FSA to adopt the Scottish scheme which gives businesses a 'pass' or 'improve-

ment required'.

Its deputy chief executive Martin Couchman, said the current system was not always consistently applied and could be hard for customers to understand.

He said: "For example, a hospitality business with low initial scores could find it difficult to win back customers even once it had made significant improve-

ments in its scores.

"The BHA would prefer the FSA in Wales, Northern Ireland and England to operate the Scottish scheme which requires businesses to be simply given a 'pass' or 'improvement required'.

"We believe this system is more straightforward and easier to understand." Visit [luton-dunstable.co.uk](http://luton-dunstable.co.uk) and tell us your thoughts.

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## Hunt for man after two sexual assaults

AN E-FIT of a man believed to be responsible for two sexual assaults in Dunstable has been released.

The offender in both attacks on Friday, January 10, was described as being a white male of Mediterranean appearance, aged in his mid-20s to late 30s and around 5ft 8ins tall.

The first attack happened at around 5.15pm in an alleyway near to Apollo Close, with the second just ten minutes later in Priory Gardens. Anyone with information should call police on 101.

# Police arrest 98 in Xmas campaign

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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**MORE than 90 people in the county have been arrested in relation to the police's annual Christmas drink or drug driving campaign.**

The campaign was a joint operation by Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire between December 1 last year and January 1.

Officers in the county made 98 arrests, compared to 80 last year.

In total there were 604 breath tests administered which did not involve collisions and 246 which did.

During that period 679 collisions were registered on county roads.

Overall the three forces said they saw a slight increase in the number of people stopped and arrested compared with the same month the previous year.

Chief Inspector Richard Hann said: "Whether the figures go up or down year-on-year it is always a concern

that there are still people putting themselves and others at risk by drinking and taking drugs before driving and we will continue to target into the new year and beyond."

He added: "There's no excuse for drinking and driving."

"If you do go out for a drink, never try to calculate whether you're under the legal limit. Arrange a safe way to get home, such as a lift from a trusted friend who hasn't been drinking, or use a registered taxi."

## Proposed admission arrangements for Luton schools and academies September 2015

Luton Borough Council and some of the schools/academies that are responsible for setting their own arrangements are now consulting on their proposed admission arrangements for September 2015.

Copies of the proposals are available from Unity House Reception (111 Stuart Street) and on the Council website at [www.luton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.luton.gov.uk/admissions)

All comments on the proposals must be submitted by 28 February 2014.



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# High Town centre is closer to go ahead

**BY CARL MUNGAZI**

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**PLANS to create a sports centre in High Town have been recommended for approval.**

The Dallow Development Trust wants to turn a four-storey site in Midland Road into a multi-purpose centre offering various sports facilities and activities.

Officers at Luton council had previously recommended the plans for refusal twice last year. Councillors will discuss the proposals during a meeting on Wednesday.

The centre has received support from 43 local businesses and prominent figures including former boxing champion Billy Scher.



**The centre would be used for indoor and outdoor sporting activities**

However, concerns have been raised that the centre would duplicate facilities already available in High Town and not meet the needs of local residents.

A statement in a council

document said that there was 'still concern that the facility is not meeting a need of local residents within High Town but rather providing a facility for the residents of the town as a whole'.

## Funeral held for priest found dead in car park

**HUNDREDS of people this week turned out to mourn the loss of a priest who was found dead in his car just after Christmas.**

Father Joseph Williams, 42, was found three days after

he died in a car in Morrison's car park in Houghton Regis. Police had been called there on December 30.

His funeral was held on Thursday at Martin de Porres Roman Catholic Church in

Luton, where he had been a Parish Priest since 2011.

Speaking after his death, Fr Kevin McGinnell, the Dean of Luton, described him as a 'loyal' and 'diligent' man.

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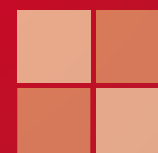
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# MP breaks his leg after car park fall

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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**LUTON North MP Kelvin Hopkins has broken his left leg after slipping on some oil in a car park.**

The 72-year-old MP fell on Monday in the multi-storey car park at Luton railway station as he retrieved his car after returning from the Houses of Parliament.

He said: "I park at the car park everyday and I was walking through what I thought was a water patch and then I fell.

"I heard a crack as I went down but I managed to hobble to my car, which is an automatic. It took me a while to get up.

"I was able to get home and



Mr Hopkins was returning from parliament when he fell

my wife took me to the Luton & Dunstable Hospital."

Mr Hopkins, whose leg is now in a cast, said he has had to cancel some events he was due to attend. He hopes to be back up and running once his leg improves.

He said: "As soon as I can

put some weight on my leg I will go back to parliament. I will get a taxi to the station or get my wife to take me.

"The problem is that at parliament I walk about three or four miles going to different meetings so I will have to take it easy."

## Firms warn against national minimum wage rise

BUSINESSES in the county say that an above inflation increase in the National Minimum Wage (NMW) could put firms at risk.

This week Chancellor George Osborne said he wanted the NMW to rise from £6.31 to £7.00 an

hour, more than the current rate of inflation which is 2.1 per cent.

Ian Cording, from the Bedfordshire branch of the Federation of Small Businesses, said some small firms were struggling with rising costs.

He said: "The last thing we would want to see is those businesses put at risk. It is for this reason we have argued that any increase in the national minimum wage this year should not exceed the rate of inflation."



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DISCOVERY Bikes is a project in Luton with helps adults with learning difficulties. LAUREN ARCHELL meets the team...

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Kerry Tough said the project has been of great benefit to him.

"I come here a couple of times a week," he said.

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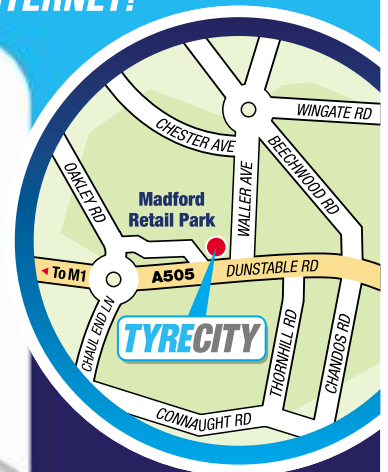


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# Terrorist jailed over computer password

**JULIA SUTTON**  
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A TERRORIST who plotted an attack on the Territorial Army centre in Luton with an exploding toy car has been jailed for an extra four months for failing to hand over his computer password.

Syed Hussain, of Cornel Close, Luton discussed attacking MI5, the US Air Force, the English Defence League and The Mall shopping centre.

The 22-year-old was jailed for five years and three months at Woolwich Crown Court last April.

When police searched his home they found two encrypted USB sticks, but



**JAILED: Syed Hussain**

Hussain said he had 'forgotten' the passwords.

It was not until 20 months later that he gave police the password to one of the sticks and they found it contained material about a major fraud.

Judge Richard Marks QC said: "A deliberate failure to comply with a notice is a very serious offence. It has the potential to hamper the police in their investigations."

Hussain denied failing to comply with a disclosure order after a short trial at the Old Bailey. He was found guilty by the jury.

Prosecutor Alex Chalk said: "He always knew the password and only disclosed it, as he recently did in December, a year or so after the notice, because he thought it would be in his interests to do so."

His four month sentence will be served consecutively to his current jail term.

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# Purr-Is of wisdom from Denis the cat

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Now our feline friend, owned by Luton resident Lesley Newman, has turned his paw to writing an online advice column – for cats (and humans too). If your cat has a question, send them to [carl.mungazi@lutononsunday.co.uk](mailto:carl.mungazi@lutononsunday.co.uk). Here's a selection:

#### Anonymous Cat

**Q:** My people are quite kind and mean well but they do not give me the right food!!

Sometimes they will get it right and I can eat a few meals of the right flavour.

How can I tell them what I want? Please help, I'm starving...

**A:** Dear Anonymous

The thing you have to remember is humans need a lot of training and they do not always see the signs.

Many meals ago my humans actually gave me the same flavour food twice in one day.

Denis the cat has built up a big following on social media due to his 'collecting' exploits. Now he's launched an advice column for cats!

Can you imagine that?! Start demanding your food (and I mean demanding. Use your biggest meow and saddest eyes) long before you are hungry. When they give you something turn your nose up

them and then look at the food cupboard. Repeat this at least six times.

Do remember to have patience with them – they are not the fastest learners.

If they do not get the message, walk away. Go out, do your thing, then return when they get comfortable in their nice seats.

Walk up to them (try and sneak in without them seeing you) and at the top of your voice scream 'Food now human, hop to it quickly'.

They may jump because they were not expecting it but surprise is the best, it catches them off-guard.

When they have stopped having palpitations gently lead them to the food cupboard, give them the sad eyes and demand your food again.

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#### Shane Aurora Spirit

**Q:** Denis have you got any tips for opening the fridge?

**A:** Dear Shane Aurora Spirit  
Ok, well there are two ways to do this. A lot depends on the type of fridge your humans have.

If it is possible, get both front paws round the handle and push off something with your back feet. This is really easy. However, beware that the door may swing open fast and unless you hang on tight, you could get thrown off.

Now, the second option is what the smart cats do. Create a distraction just as your human opens the fridge.

You may need to bribe other household cats – some dogs

are bribable too or get a neighbourhood buddy to help you out. Have them make lots of noise or knock something over.

Now you have to be very stealthy like me for this next part. You have to jump into the fridge quick, grab your prize and run like the wind before the door closes.

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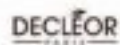
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# Co-op robbers are jailed for 31 years

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SIX members of a robbery gang which targeted Co-op stores and Ladbroke betting shops in Bedfordshire have been jailed for a total of 31 years.

The gang staged robberies at supermarkets at the end of the day when there was likely to be more cash in the tills.

In one hold up, two of the robbers caught a taxi to a village store and told the unsuspecting driver to wait

nearby while they robbed it.

Moments later the pair emerged from the Co-op store in the village of Caddington, Beds with cash they had seized.

They even paid the £12 fare to the driver from the proceeds.

Luton Crown Court heard that various members of the gang committed nine robberies and one attempted robbery in a three-month period at the beginning of 2012.

They stole more than £13,000 from tills.

The gang relied on speed and fear to terrorise cashiers with an assortment of weapons including knives, hammers, and a wheel brace.

Judge Philip Bartle said: "Each robbery was carried out in more or less the same way. They were planned and not spontaneous.

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Not only did Little Baby Boutique grasp the opportunity to trade for free at The Mall last year, they won the local competition, before also taking home the national Retail Factor crown! Here Anne-Marie, owner of Little Baby Boutique, gives us an insight as to how The Retail Factor has changed

THE Retail Factor is back! Find out about this great business competition with last year's winner Anne-Marie Paterson...

her business for the better:

**What made you enter the Retail Factor Competition?**

"I entered the Retail Factor because I wanted to take my business to the next level. The competition was a perfect opportunity to gain valuable exposure for my

business and the support I needed to open new doors and identify potential areas of growth."

**What inspired you to set up Little Baby Boutique?**

"Working as a graphic designer for many years, I wanted to showcase my illustrations and designs. I have always been interested in the clothing industry and wanted to give back that special personal touch to customers that large businesses tend not to give any more."

**Did you find trading at The Mall gave Little Baby Boutique the exposure you anticipated?**

"Trading in the Mall Luton increased Little Baby Boutique's brand awareness more than I had anticipated. I was able to gain exposure



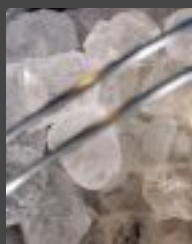
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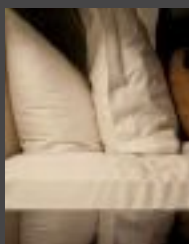
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**CHAMPION:** Anne-Marie Paterson of Little Baby Boutique with Mark Broadhead from The Mall

within local press, social media and through my website, which increased sales. "Little Baby Boutique won the overall national Retail Factor 2013, which enabled me to go to the prestigious Oxford Summer School Academy Course."

**How has your business changed in the last year?**

"My business has increased a lot in the past year. I have

been approached by local organisations and one of the biggest large organisations - Not on the High Street, where my products are now sold nationally.

"I am now looking into studio space and employing staff, which would not have been possible without the help from The Mall."

**What difference did winning the Retail Factor**

**have on your business?**

"Entering the Retail Factor was one of the best things I could have done.

"People are now aware of my brand and are coming back to buy more."

If Anne-Marie's story has inspired you to enter the Retail Factor, then make sure you sign up today! Enter now at [www.the-mall.co.uk/retailfactor](http://www.the-mall.co.uk/retailfactor).

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# Youths raise £12k in citizenship service

BY CARL MUNGAZI

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**DOZENS** of young people were honoured on Thursday for raising £12,000 through volunteering.

The National Citizen Service (NCS) saw more than 50 local 16 and 17-year-olds do a four-week programme last autumn.

Participants spent the October half-term week at a residential outward bound centre in North Wales developing work and life skills.

The young people also designed and delivered a social action project during the following three weekends with local community organisations.

**The NCS programme runs in Luton for young people in years 11 and 12 and is held during the spring, summer and autumn terms**

Their fund-raising events included sponsored leg waxing and a 'cake-off' contest.

Craig Bethell, project manager at NCS, said: "The NCS programme is a fantastic opportunity for young people

to support their transition into adulthood.

"The skills they develop through working on projects for the local community are a real boost to their future career prospects."

## Council visits aim to prevent Legionnaires disease

**BUSINESSES** that have cooling towers or evaporative condensers in Luton are receiving visits from council officers to ensure they are doing enough to manage risks linked to legionella.

The visits are part of a wider Health and Safety Executive-led programme following research which revealed that cooling towers are the most common source of significant outbreaks

of Legionnaires' disease in the UK over the past 10 years. Cllr Mohammed Ashraf, portfolio holder for Public Health, said: "By law, all premises with evaporative condensers must

automatically notify us so they can be included on a central register." To do this, please contact Luton Borough Council's Licensing Service on 01582 546581.

**By Sam Potter**  
Health Correspondent**It has been estimated that as many as 80% of people will suffer with some form of health condition****caused by their back (spine). That's more than 50 million people in the UK, which means the back can be the source of untold suffering.**

Back problems can often be felt as an ache, stiffness or tension in the low back but can also affect your mid and upper back and neck too. Sometimes it can be felt as an electrical shock or deep stabbing and can be so severe you literally can't move.

In complete contrast, problems of the back may not be felt in the back at all, but may be felt as numbness, tingling or pain in either your arms or legs. It may also be felt as pain in the kidneys, headaches, migraines, chest pain and may manifest in many other ways.

All too often the standard health tests ignore this vital cause of poor health and the real cause of the problem is never uncovered. You're left with a conclusion that "we can't find anything wrong with you", but you know that isn't true...

**Left untreated, the consequences of having a bad back can leave you with chronic problems that seem to have no way of being solved. You're left to feel sick and tired relying on drugs to make life more bearable...**

With so many people suffering from back problems it is vital that we find the best solution; and this is where it can start to get complicated

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because your back problem can be caused by so many different things. It could be one of your spinal discs, bulging or torn. It could be the more delicate facet joints of the spine. Sometimes a nerve may have become irritated or compressed too... There are many other structures that could be causing the problem, small muscles, tendons and ligaments.

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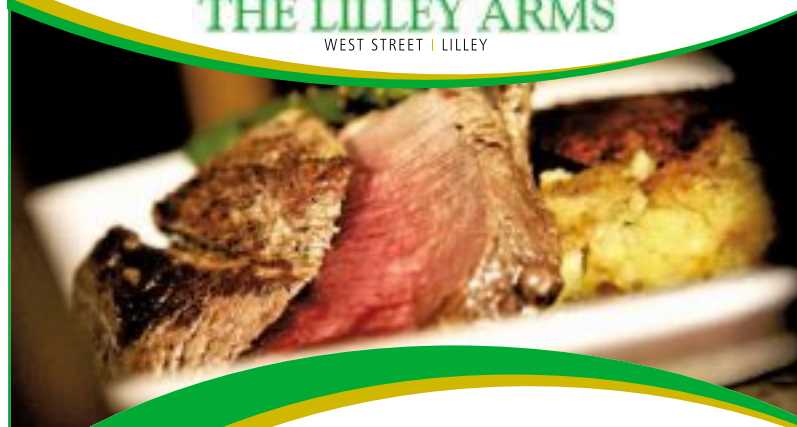
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## Baby Nelly makes debut in zoo pool

A BABY hippo had a splashing time at ZSL Whipsnade Zoo after taking a dip in the public pool for the very first time.

The five-week-old common hippo calf had been smuggled up to mum, Lola, in their private dens, before making its first appearance in the big pool this week.

Born just after 9am on December 11, 2013, the tiny tot is Lola and dad, Hoover's, second calf and is thought to be a little girl, but its sex is yet to be confirmed. In the meantime, keepers have nicknamed the youngster Nelly.



**SPLASHING:** Nelly during her first dip in the pool

## 'Paedo' jibe led to threat with air rifle

**BY JULIA SUTTON**

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**A MAN man 'terrorised' by youths who called him a 'paedo' has been given a suspended sentence after he threatened them with an air gun.**

Martin Harvey, 59, of Churchfield Road, Houghton Regis, filmed the group from his garden in what he said was an attempt to gain evidence for the police before he pointed the weapon at them,

Luton Crown Court heard on January 10.

Harvey pleaded guilty to possessing an imitation firearm with intention of causing fear of violence.

He was sentenced to four months in jail, suspended for 12 months, and ordered to abide by a three month curfew.

Prosecutor Nilam Salh said a group of boys, aged 11 to 18, were sitting in a garage belonging to one of their fathers in Westminster Gardens, Houghton Regis, on

July 24 last year when the incident happened.

She said they had noticed a man filming them who appeared to be holding a camera.

She said: "One of the boys called him a 'paedo'."

The group saw Harvey holding the head of a manikin behind a bush before he went to get an air rifle which he pointed towards them.

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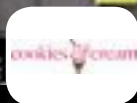
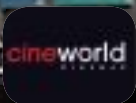
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The research reveals that long-term unemployed young people are more than twice as likely as their peers to have been prescribed anti-depressants. One in three have contemplated suicide, while one in four have self-harmed.

The findings are based on interviews with 2,161 16-to-25-year-olds and show that 40 per cent of jobless young people have faced symptoms of mental illness as a direct result of unemployment.

YMCA Bedfordshire is appealing for unemployed people in the Luton or Dunstable areas aged 16-25 to take part in the 12-week Prince's Trust Team programme to learn new skills, improve confidence, motivation and employment prospects. Last year, three out of four people taking part in the Team programme moved into work, education or training.

The Team programme involves team building activities, a week-long residential, a local community project, time with the fire service and two weeks of targeted work experience.

Young people will also gain advice on interview skills, making applications and CV writing and discover what options are available to them after the course. Over the 12 weeks, Team members work towards a nationally recognised qualification.

The course is free and does not affect benefits. For more information, please call: Luton: Kayleigh Jean on 07908 631391 or Dunstable: Emma Harbour on 07572 445096 or visit <http://www.ymcabedfordshire.org.uk/princes-trust>



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## Dear Mr Gove... War Horse is top of the class when it comes to theatre

### THEATRE REVIEW

#### WAR HORSE

New London Theatre, Drury Lane, London  
[www.newlondontheatre.co.uk](http://www.newlondontheatre.co.uk)

Dear Michael Gove,

I read, recently, that you were concerned that British schoolchildren were being peddled the wrong idea about World War I.

Or, rather, that 'leftie' teachers were force-feeding them a diet of revisionist views of that terrible conflict by showing them episodes of the last series of Blackadder and encouraging them to read and see plays such as the irreverent musical, 'Oh What a Lovely War'.

Your spokesperson issued a statement saying: "Michael thinks it is important not to denigrate the patriotism, honour and courage demonstrated by ordinary British soldiers in the First World War."

In my opinion, neither of those two examples do that. The final episode of Blackadder had me blubbing like an infant as those brave men went 'over the top'.

Yes, the acting was good; yes, the script was funny but the reality of the situation that those young soldiers faced almost 100 years ago was so sensitively handled that art mirrored life truthfully as well as tragically.

But, Mr Gove, if presenting the facts of the Great War through comedy offends your sense of how education should be delivered, I have a suggestion to make.

Give every child a ticket to see War Horse, the National Theatre's award-winning stage adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's novel for children.

The 'war to end all wars', seen through the eyes of Joey, a fine hunter who can just as easily turn his hoof to ploughing a field, is not only a beautifully and genuinely told story of the love, comradeship, loss and grief of the 1914-18 conflict, it is an extraordinarily powerful triumph of theatrical magic.

The story is simple enough. Albert, a farmer's lad, makes friends with a spirited colt, brings him on and, in gaining his trust, makes a deep and lasting friendship based on trust and respect.

When war breaks out, Joey is sold into the cavalry – a throwback regiment that is doomed from the outset in those increasingly mechanised battles. In the midst of all the carnage that surrounds both man and beast, Albert fights on to track Joey down and bring him back safely to the rolling Devon pastures.

Patriotism, honour and courage were much in evidence on the battlefields of northern France between 1914-18.

The men who joined up knew – or thought they knew – what they were fighting for.

The one million horses that were shipped out to France (just 62,000 came back) had no idea and didn't have any choice anyway.

So why is this production of War Horse the best possible history lesson for today's school kids?

Well, Mr Gove, because if you want to really grab someone's attention you have to show them something amazing; like a huge, 16-hand horse coming to life in front of your very eyes.

You have to tell a story in a way that will draw them in and hold their attention because they care about what happens.

And you have to make them believe that what they're seeing could equally have been their own story had they been born in a different time.

War Horse does all of that. And because of the magnificent design by Rae Smith and Handspring Puppet Company, the inspired direction by Marianne Elliott and Tom Morris and the acting and puppet-mastery of the young, multi-talented company this is not just a play with music.

This is undoubtedly one of the most moving and imaginative theatrical experiences you will ever have.

On top of that, Mr Gove, it has humour.

Kids will laugh at the funny bits and like me, they'll probably cry at the sad bits too but I tell

**HORSE PLAY:** This powerful stage adaptation of War Horse is a stunning theatrical event



you what; besides witnessing examples of honour and courage they will come away from that show understanding more about the dreadful waste and terror of World War I than any text book can reveal.

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## The Grove ready to host the Mousetrap 'on tour' in March

### THEATRE

**The Grove Theatre**  
March 31-April 5

GET your magnifying glasses and detective hats at the ready as the cast of Dame Agatha Christie's legendary play *The Mousetrap* has been announced.

For over 50 years, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* has been the world's longest running stage production with over 25,000 performances.

The first ever tour of the record-breaking production opened on September 11, 2012, in Canterbury and it continues to run in 2014.

The cast for the 2014 opening leg of the tour includes Michael Fenner (Doctors, Footballer's Wives) reprising his role as Mr Paravicini from London's West End alongside a host of stars such as Joanna Croll, Ellie Jacob, Christopher Gilling, Anne Kavanagh, Henry Luxemburg, Ryan Saunders and Jonathan Woolf.

Mousetrap Productions has licensed 60 productions of *The Mousetrap* worldwide to mark the 60th year.

During this period the world's longest running show will be seen in every continent, with professional productions scheduled for Australia, China, Korea, Turkey, South Africa, Russia, Czech Republic, Hungary, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Poland, Spain, Scandinavia, Venezuela, and across the United States and Canada.

Don't miss this chance to see the masterpiece that is *The Mousetrap* on stage at the Grove Theatre from Monday, March 31 to Saturday, April 5.

Tickets start from just £22. To purchase call the box office on 01582 602080.



# Oscar calling for McQueen

### FILM REVIEW

**12 YEARS A SLAVE**  
Rating - 4/5

Review by Gavin Miller

**DIRECTOR** Steve McQueen's slavery drama joins the likes of *American Hustle*, *Captain Phillips* and *Gravity* as the front-runners for this year's Oscars – but like them it is 'very good' more than 'great'.

It has lots of laudable merits, principally terrific turns from Brit actor Chiwetel Ejiofor and newcomer Lupita Nyong'o.

But unfortunately their performances are slightly hindered by pacing issues and a dearth of major set-pieces and sub-plots that leave you wanting more – which in turn may not appease every casual cinema-goer.

This 'true story' is based on 'free' black New York state citizen Solomon Northrup – a well-respected violinist.

He is kidnapped and sold into slavery to a New Orleans plantation, run by cruel alcoholic owner Edwin Epps (Michael Fassbender) in pre-Civil War America of 1841.

Through a methodical two

hour-plus run-time we see Northrup try and retain his dignity as hopes fade that he will return home from this southern 'hell' – with Nyong'o's cotton-picking champion Patsey battling even more severe abuse as the secondary slave character.

McQueen does manage to evoke some emotionally compelling (and sometimes uneasy viewing) scenes – from Northrup's attempted hanging to Patsey's blood-splattered whipping – and these help to give the film some truly hand-on-mouth moments that eases it through some leaner, unevenly paced, spells.

But a handful of well-acted cameos from the likes of Benedict Cumberbatch and Brad Pitt – to compliment the excellent Ejiofor, Nyong'o and Fassbender – aid McQueen in his quest to weave a generally moving spectacle that definitely provokes reaction.

For that it deserves Oscar recognition, and even though it isn't quite the 'essential' cinema it was originally hyped to be – this is still undoubtedly one of the best films of the past year and it will linger in the memory a lot more than most.

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## Exhibition at Abbey to tell the history of World War One

### EVENTS

**Woburn Abbey**  
All Year

WOBURN Abbey and Gardens is looking ahead to a busy year following the announcement of their 2014 programme of events and exhibitions.

From a World War I exhibition to a triathlon in the Deer Park, a Garden Show to a trail of Chinese Wallpapers in the Abbey, there's something for everyone.

Two new exhibitions open on April 11. The first, 'Valiant Hearts: World War I - Woburn and its Stories' commemorates the centenary of the outbreak of World War I.

The exhibition will tell the stories of the 11th Duke and Duchess of Bedford, Woburn Abbey itself, and people from the local area during the war.

Visitors will be able to see original records and letters, and find out what it was like to train at the local garrison or be treated in the Woburn Military Hospital.

The second exhibition, 'Peeling Back The Years: Chinese Wallpaper at Woburn Abbey' will examine the decorative history of the building and give you a chance to discover the story of the 4th Duke's bedroom through its layers of wallpaper.

As visitors explore the Abbey they see documents showing how these wallpapers were made, sold and hung.

For more on what is on offer this year, visit [www.woburnabbey.co.uk](http://www.woburnabbey.co.uk) or call 01525 290333 for more information.



# Wildlife in the limelight

### EXHIBITION

**Stockwood Discovery Centre**  
Monday, March 31 – Saturday, April 5

**A BREATHTAKING exhibition of 100 photographic images of wildlife, including winning and commented entries launches soon at Stockwood Discovery Centre.**

The British Wildlife Photography Awards were created to celebrate the talents of both amateur and professional photographers, while simultaneously highlighting the great wealth of British natural history.

With 12 separate categories including a special category for Wildlife in HD Video, the awards beautifully

reveal the splendour of Britain's wildlife.

There are also two junior categories to encourage young people to connect with nature through photography.

Among the winners is wildlife photographer Neil Aldridge from Bedfordshire.

He won an award for his documentary series 'The Alternative', which looks at the badger cull and explores alternative methods to culling.

George Karbus, the Photographer of the Year winner, described his magical moment with a surfing dolphin as a 'lucky shot'.

He said: "The photograph was taken in the most intimidating and surf-heavy spot on the Coast of Northern Ireland.

"I encountered this playful dolphin that suddenly started to surf the deep tube inside the waves.

"Each time the dolphin got into the wave, I dived underneath, held my breath and waited for the moment when he would swish through a silver barrel close enough to my lens.

"Water visibility is always very limited in Ireland, and I was very lucky to get a shot like this."

Andrew Parkinson, wildlife photographer and BWPA judge, said: "To me it is one of those extraordinary moments in nature, a dolphin's fin cutting through the surface of the water, creating a perfect window onto the land.

"Not only was the photographer in the right place at the right time, he also had the skill to nail it. Stunning."

## Music quartet set for visit to town theatre

WINNERS of the 2012 1st International Sandor Vegh String Quartet Competition in Budapest, the Benyounes Quartet is gaining a reputation as one of the most engaging, dynamic and successful young quartets to have emerged from the UK in recent years.

Formed in 2007 at the Royal Northern College of Music, the Benyounes Quartet went on to win the Royal Philharmonic Society's prestigious Julius Isserlis Scholarship, funding their studies with Professor Gabor Takacs-Nagy at the Haute École de Musique de Genève.

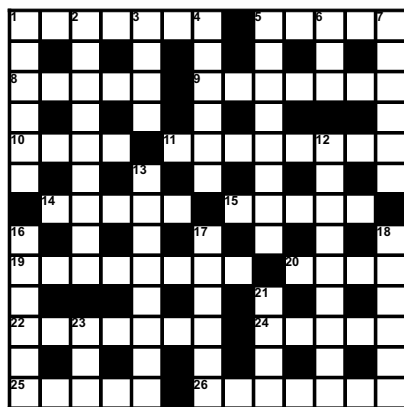
Here they won the conservatoire's most esteemed Prix d'Excellence.

The quartet held the Richard Carne Junior Fellowship at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance for two years and is currently resident at Bangor University.

As Park Lane Group Young Artists, the quartet have given debut recitals at venues like the Purcell Room.

They will be coming to Luton Library Theatre on January 27 at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £15. Call 01582 547474 to book.

### PUZZLE CORNER



### THE THINKER

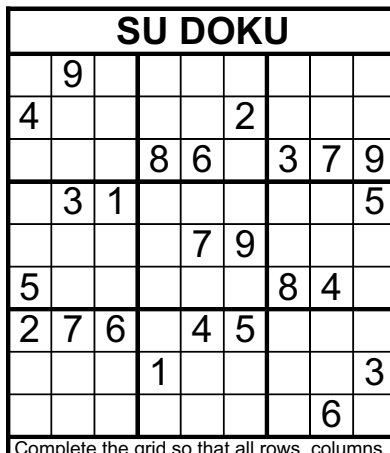
#### ACROSS

- 1 Tiff in car concerning other road users (7)
- 5 This will kill the obese man (5)
- 8 Punishes old economist, we hear (5)
- 9 Intend to go with the German for a stroll (7)
- 10 Compose till you've got a tune (4)
- 11 Vie with Putin, meaning to teach him a lesson (8)
- 14 It won't happen in June very often (5)
- 15 Nothing left to put in deposit (5)
- 19 Plot change – urge it in (8)
- 20 I object quietly to network (4)
- 22 Be a nuisance in role, but get better (7)
- 24 Policeman, in short, is really good (5)
- 25 Illuminated man displaying flexibility (5)
- 26 I'm slyer about saving money (7)

#### DOWN

- 1 Fishing equipment used by team players (6)
- 2 Man in tunnel contract seeks cancellation (9)
- 3 Surround us with iron as a safety measure (4)
- 4 Temporary accommodation round university (6)
- 5 Bees fail miserably, but you could do it (8)
- 6 Part time – go up on your own (3)
- 7 Food store in singular Derby restaurant (6)
- 12 Peer Ken in dispute with landlord (9)
- 13 Be in lead, but it can't be proved (8)
- 16 Slip it into part of the plant (6)
- 17 Mother accepts employment at the gallery (6)
- 18 Try this, mostly turning at speed, in town (6)
- 21 What you can do with Sue's input (4)
- 23 Started out for town many times in the past (3)

### SU DOKU



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Solution next week.

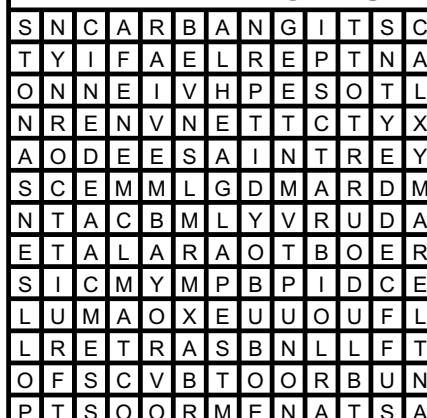
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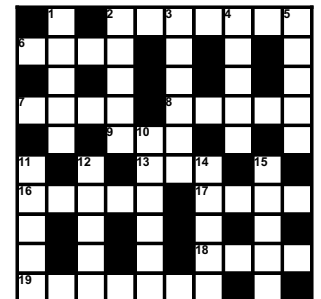
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### FIND THE WORDS



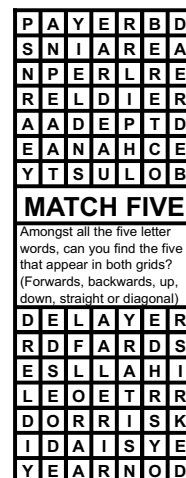
Find the words: Up, down, forwards, backwards, straight or diagonal. This week: Flowers:

Stamen, Pollen, Seed, Leaf, Bud, Sepal, Corm, Anther, Stoma, Vein, Stigma, Bulb, Petal, Calyx, Fruit, Stem, Root, Ovary, Node, Bract



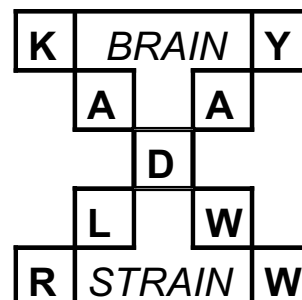
### QUICKSOLVE?

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| ACROSS              | DOWN                 |
| 2. Apparitions (7)  | 1. Inundation (5)    |
| 6. Renault car (4)  | 2. Value (5)         |
| 7. Attic (4)        | 3. Small rodent (6)  |
| 8. To the time (5)  | 4. Scruffy (5)       |
| 9. Headwear (3)     | 5. Leg extension (5) |
| 13. Check (3)       | 10. pH 7+ (6)        |
| 18. Break (5)       | 11. Fight (5)        |
| 17. Uncommon (4)    | 12. Stunned (5)      |
| 18. Information (4) | 14. Time (5)         |
| 19. Cushioning (7)  | 15. A colour (5)     |



### MATCH FIVE

Amongst all the five letter words, can you find the five that appear in both grids? (Forwards, backwards, up, down, straight or diagonal)

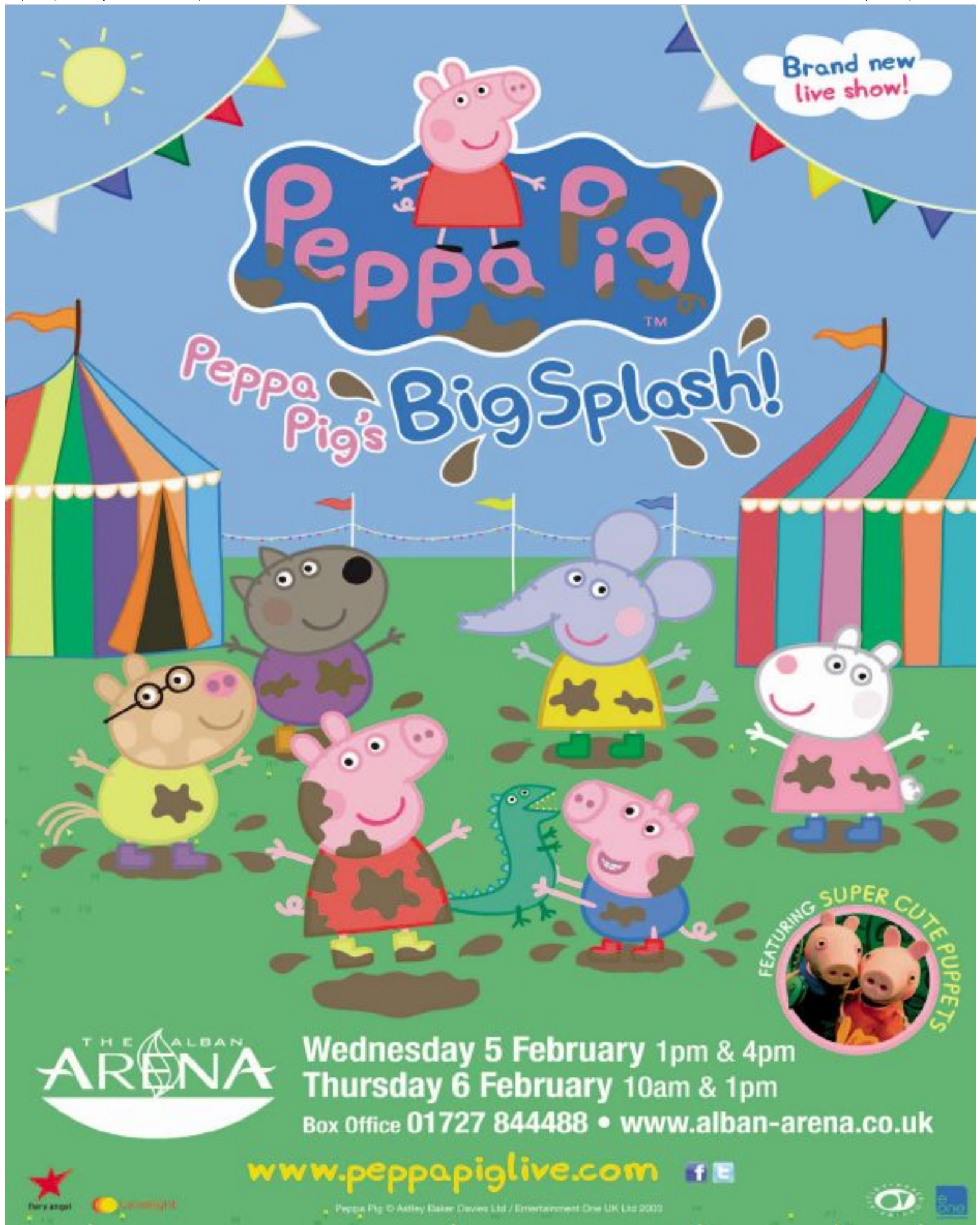


How many words of four letters or more can you make? No plurals, proper names or foreign words. All must include the centre letter. Good: 12 Maestro: 17+

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Use all the numbers and signs to make the star total. Do calculations in strict order from left to right with no brackets - eg  $9 \times 6 - 4 + 5 + 7 = 17$

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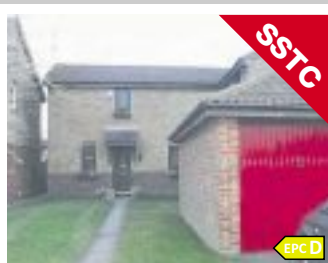
**Wexham Close** £150,000

- Three Bedroom Property
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- Family Bathroom
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**Grandsen Close** £195,000

- Semi Detached Property
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- Rear Garden & Stables
- Double Garage



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**Woodfield Grove** £335,000

- Detached Family Home
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- Two Bathrooms
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location
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EPC B



**Rushall Green** £220,000

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- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Gardens



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**Mayfield Road** £195,000

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**Ryecroft Way** £185,000

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- Garage



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### St. Christophers Close

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Granny Annexe



### Poynters Road

£230,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Family Bathroom
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Shower Room



### Ripley Road

£167,500

- Two Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen



### Gilpin Close

£117,000

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- Lounge
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- Allocated Parking



### Victoria Street

£190,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Four Piece Bathroom Suite
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Garage



### Shelley Road

£165,000

- Semi Detached Property
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- Family Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden & Off Road Parking



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**Marlborough Road** £335,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Sought after Location
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Detached Garage & Parking



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**Biscot Road** £270,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Off Street Parking



**Dunsmore Road** £225,000

- Detached Property
- Four bedroom
- Off Road Parking
- Sought after South Luton Area



**St. Monicas Avenue** £185,000

- Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Enclosed Rear Garden



**St. Andrews Walk** £185,000

- Two Bedroom Property
- Kitchen/Diner
- Allocated Parking
- Rear Garden



**Strathmore Avenue** £180,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Bay Fronted
- Rear Garden



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**Talbot Road** £159,995

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- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Double Glazing



**Warren Road** £155,000

- Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Rear Garden



**Foxglove Way** £144,950

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Open Plan Kitchen
- Allocated Parking
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**Ivy Road** £135,000

- Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Front & Rear Gardens



**Milverton Green** OIEO £135,000

- Starter Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Allocated Parking



**Ermine Place** £130,000

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- Two Bedrooms one with En-suite
- Double Glazed
- Allocated Parking



**The Larches** £129,995

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**Blakeney Drive** £275,000

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- Four Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
- Off Road Parking & Detached Garage



**Hillview Crescent** £239,995

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Garage & Gardens



**St. Lawrence Avenue** £230,000

- Similar Properties Required
- End Terraced Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking



**St. Michaels Crescent** £215,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Sought After Location
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**Pomfret Avenue** £180,000

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**Napier Road** £175,000

- Similar Properties Required
- Terraced Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking



**St. Ethelbert Avenue** £175,000

- Similar Properties Required
- Three Bedrooms
- Living & Dining Room
- Garden



**Mansfield Road** £170,000

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room



**Winsdon Road** £165,000

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- Lobby



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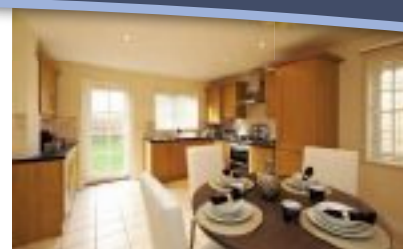


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## Early Years Teacher

MPS / UPS

Vacancy ID 100721

Also required: A qualified teacher who:

- Is an excellent early years practitioner
- Is committed to delivering the EYFS and supporting staff to do the same
- Works well as part of a team
- Is excited by the opportunity to develop creative, innovative ideas to support our children
- Is committed to working inclusively with children with special needs

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## Cook - St Josephs Infants

£7.87 per hour  
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Vacancy ID: 100694

You will use professional catering skills in the provision of catering services to the school and support the Kitchen Manager in the overall management of the kitchen and staff. Duties include preparing and cooking fresh and convenience foods as directed, including ethnic, vegetarian and special dietary requirements.

Along with a high level of cookery skills, you will possess a Level 2 award in food safety in catering and have a working knowledge of kitchen safety legislation.

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## General Kitchen Assistant

£6.35 - £6.69 per hour  
Permanent, part-time, 10-12.5 hours per week

Vacancy ID: 100675

You will assist in the kitchen and dining room as required in the provision of catering services to the school.

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Bedfordshire East Multi Academy Trust (BEMAT) is a thriving, popular and successful local Academy chain. Currently it comprises of Gravenhurst, Gothic Mede, Etonbury, Robert Bloomfield and Samuel Whitbread Academies, and pending conversion Langford Lower School. BEMAT is run by local Directors. We provide support and challenge to our member academies who serve our local community. We want all of our academies to provide an outstanding education and our organisation is designed to provide services and leadership that enables individual academies to concentrate on children's development and well-being through excellent learning and teaching. As part of our continual growth and transition we are seeking to recruit dynamic and resilient professionals to the leadership posts listed below.

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### ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

Based at: Langford & Gravenhurst Academies (Covering both sites)  
[www.langfordlowerschool.uk](http://www.langfordlowerschool.uk) [www.gravenhurstlower.co.uk](http://www.gravenhurstlower.co.uk)  
Salary: Leadership Scale L3-7  
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Closing date for applications (for all posts) is Thursday 30th Jan 2014  
Interviews will be held between 6th & 13th Feb 2014  
Contact details for informal discussion and submission of applications are included within the downloadable job packs.

BEMAT is a unique alliance, made up of Gothic Mede Academy, Gravenhurst Academy, Etonbury Academy, Robert Bloomfield Academy and Samuel Whitbread Academy, which is committed to collegiate educational provision across our community. We take collective responsibility for the success of all children through the delivery of a commonly designed curriculum from 2+ to 19. We are committed to the safeguarding and promotion of children's welfare and all job offers are subject to satisfactory DBS. The successful candidate will be expected to work across BEMAT Academies / Schools as required.

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**Inclusion Co-ordinator (SENCo) required from**  
**22nd April 2014 to include 1 term handover**  
**MPS/UPS**  
**TLR (1c £10,810)**

We wish to appoint a highly effective leader who can support the school in ensuring our students achieve, regardless of their starting point. We need a person who will create an environment where our young people feel safe and supported and grow in confidence, enabling them to make a positive impact on their education across the school and beyond.

The successful candidate will have an excellent professional knowledge of national policy around SEND with the ability to identify the key implications for the school and exercise a key role in assisting the Leadership Team link and governors with the strategic development of SEN and CP policy and provision.

You will be responsible for overseeing our Inclusion Provisions and the Leadership of the Learning Support Centre, as well as working alongside our curriculum departments to support the raising of aspirations, attainment, achievement, and well-being of our students.

If you want to work with talented, motivated and engaging individuals in an energetic and developing environment we want to hear from you.

Visits to the school are welcomed. Please contact Fran Wade (01234 290200) to arrange a time.

**All the information relating to these vacancies can be downloaded from our website: [www.markrutherford.beds.sch.uk/vacancies](http://www.markrutherford.beds.sch.uk/vacancies)**

**Please email your completed application forms to [fran.wade@mrus.co.uk](mailto:fran.wade@mrus.co.uk)**

**We do not accept CVs.**

**Closing date: 26 January 2014.**

**Interview date: 4 February 2014.**

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To apply please go to [www.college.barnfield.ac.uk/Job2.aspx](http://www.college.barnfield.ac.uk/Job2.aspx)  
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You should have two years PQE and possess strong IT skills. Further Education/Public Sector experience would be advantageous.

**Closing date: 9am Friday 31st January****Interviews: Friday 7th February**

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For further details and an application form please, telephone 01582 679409 or email [office@mansheadschool.co.uk](mailto:office@mansheadschool.co.uk)

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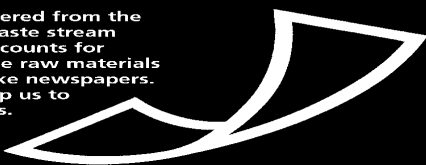
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We've seen all of the engines before elsewhere in the Audi and VW group line-ups. The TSI petrol engines use turbocharging to compensate for their modest capacities, the 1.2 TSI achieving 86PS with 160Nm or torque and the entry-level 1.4 TSI chipping in with 122PS and 200Nm. There's also a 185PS version of this 1.4 that uses both supercharger and turbocharger allied with a clever 7-speed DSG semi-automatic gearbox. The diesel option is a 1.6-litre common-rail injection TDI

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A conventional supermini shape is adopted by the A1, which isn't a great surprise given its mechanical similarity to the largely conventional VW Polo. It also means that the A1 gains an edge over rivals from the trendier end of the supermini sector with a 267-litre boot that expands to 920 litres with the rear seat backs folded.

The exterior of the car is crawling with recognisable Audi design cues and although you couldn't call the looks adventurous, the A1 has got the combination of neat proportions and engaging detailing that Audi does so well. The one feature that obviously breaks from the Audi master plan is the roof arch which can be specified in a different colour to the rest of the bodywork.



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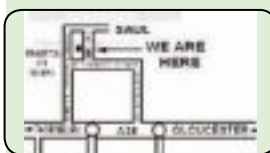
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**YOUNG BLOOD:** Zane Banton in action against Cambridge  
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# The future is bright despite trophy exit

## HATTERS

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**LUTON** Town assistant manager Terry Harris says the future is bright in the wake of the Hatters' FA Trophy last-16 defeat to Cambridge United.

The 1-0 replay loss on Tuesday after a 2-2 draw in the first game belied the performance of a young Town side, who stuck with their Skrill Premier counterparts for most of the tie and were unlucky to be knocked out.

The unfortunate nature of Ashley Chambers' deflected goal – as well as the hosts having one of their own ruled out for offside late on – was a harsh way to end their trophy run but the performance of the academy players meant positivity survived despite the result.

"For what we had out I thought we did ever so well," said Harris. "The youngsters certainly were absolutely superb.

"Brett [Longden] was obviously playing in a strange left-back position [but] he was fantastic. It's difficult for a right footer sometimes playing as a left back but we said to him 'sometimes, just take a swing with your left foot' and he did and tried to do it right every time.

"Luke Trotman got off to a great start because he went down the line and put a fantastic cross in during the first few minutes and maybe that settled him down a bit. I thought he was superb.

"We played Reading last week in a squad game and he was superb then. Luke went in against United and looked very comfortable.

"Ian Rees in the middle of the park as well. "He's up against Champion and Berry, two

very good players, and I thought he did it exceptionally well as well.

"Then Zane [Banton] came on and he nearly nicked a goal for us."

The disappointment of the night was based not so much on a missed opportunity in the cup but the loss of more potential games for a group of young players who have been moulded during the run.

However, for Harris, the five Trophy games have provided a great source of experience, as well as an indication of the continued success of the Hatters youth system.

"We wanted this FA Trophy journey to continue," he added. "Any time that this group of youngsters play, wherever we go, they will give their all.

"As John Still has always said, it doesn't matter how old they are, if they're good enough then they'll go in. The future's bright, the future's orange."

Still's side came out firing and looking to beat the lightning start from last time around, young midfielder Rees carving out an opportunity for Alex Wall in the first minute.

The striker, though, couldn't emulate Ryan Inniss's quick goal from the original tie, scuffing low at goalkeeper John Sullivan.

Despite the opportunity, the lack of an early goal distilled the game, with the U's dominating the possession but fruitlessly so.

The only test of either goalkeeper came just inside the 16th minute, Chambers' curling 25-yard free kick dealt with by Elliot Justham.

That sparked a five-minute spell of action, with Jon Shaw's anticipation to almost gobble up a wayward back pass the closest of three Hatters chances. Cambridge had one of their own in retaliation, centre back Josh Coulson

looping his header just past the far post 20 minutes in.

The next twenty minutes brought another period of stagnation from both teams, until, in the 39th, a snap shot from Chambers took a nasty deflection off a Luton defender, wrong footing Justham as it rolled into the net.

To go in one down at the break was harsh on Luton but the Hatters have scored at least two goals in each of their last four meetings with United so hope was far from lost.

Town would have felt hard done by when strong shouts for a handball in the area from Wall's cross were turned away by an increasingly berated referee.

The decision would have been soured further when considering the dubious penalty given against Jake Howells for a similar misdemeanour in the 2-2 draw at Cambridge.

However, the incident actually spurred the hosts on, pressuring the away defence but struggling to pierce.

Luton were in desperate need of invention to compliment the work rate of their strike force and, past the hour, Still looked to alter that with the introduction of David Viana and the lively Zane Banton.

Then came what Luton thought was a deserved breakthrough ten minutes from the end.

Good work from Viana set Cullen in motion down the right of the area, who thundered a cross-shot into the six-yard box. To the dismay of the Hatters fans and the celebrating Banton, the forward's tap in was ruled out for offside.

Not put off by the setback, Cullen curled an 88th minute shot from 20 yards, which seemed destined for the top corner but for Sullivan to close the door once again.

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# Franks signs on for Town as duo are sent on loan

## HATTERS

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**LUTON Town have completed the signing of Welling United's defender Fraser Franks for an undisclosed fee.**

This season 23-year-old Franks has been a regular at the heart of the Wings defence but unfortunately was sent-off in the Hatters' 2-1 win over Welling in November. He has been allocated the number two shirt.

"I'm delighted to have signed for Luton Town," said Franks.

"It's a massive club and I can't wait to get started."

Franks began his career in the youth ranks at Chelsea before he moved to Brentford where he signed his first professional contract in 2008.

Having failed to break into the Bees' first team, the young defender moved to AFC Wimbledon in 2010 after a loan stint at Basingstoke Town and was a regular in the Wombles' side until he was sidelined by injury.

He was still part of the squad, however, that beat the Town in the Play-Off final in 2011.

In 2012 he moved to Welling and in his first season at Park View Road played a major role in helping the Wings storm to the Conference South title last season. He was subsequently named in the Conference South team of the season by his fellow professionals.

His form for Welling saw him called-up to the England C side in the summer and he made his debut in the Three Lions' 6-1 win over Bermuda in June. In his second cap for England C he scored in the 2-2 draw against the Czech Republic.

Meanwhile, Hatters boss John Still has made good on his promise to loan out some of his squad who are in valuable need of some first team football.

On Friday, prior to Franks' transfer which was announced at 8pm, Alex Wall was loaned to Dartford and JJ O'Donnell moved to another Skriff Premier side, Gateshead.

Forward Wall becomes the third player the Hatters have temporarily given to the Darts following on from David Martin and Jim Stevenson.



**LOAN MOVE:** Alex Wall  
Pictures: Gareth Owen

Wall's loan has been agreed until February 15 while midfielder O'Donnell will move to the north-east on a one month arrangement.

"O'Donnell is a great addition to the squad," said Gateshead manager Gary Mills "He is an excellent player who did very well against us when we played Hyde recently."

"He hasn't been getting a chance at Luton this season and needs a run of games to show

how good he is.

"It's good that he got a few games in recently at Hyde [another loan spell] and he is as fit as a fiddle."

Hatters boss John Still has hinted at more ins and out ahead of the end of the January transfer window with Shaun Whalley close to a loan switch to another Skriff Premier outfit, AFC Telford United.

In his programme notes for yesterday's postponed Skriff Premier clash with Wrexham, he said: "Between now and the end of the January transfer window there may well be some more ins and outs."

"It is important that some of our players get some competitive football other than development games and I hope I will be able to tell you more in the next few weeks."

# Stockwood rack up another massive points haul

## RUGBY UNION

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LUTON RFC were beaten 26-17 on the road to Brentwood in London 1 North this weekend, in conditions that made playing their preferred free-flowing style of rugby difficult.

"They played narrow, and boring, but they deserved their win, we were poor," said Luton's Backs Coach Nick Rhodes.

Luton failed to register a league bonus point for the first time this season, losing by nine and only scoring two tries, from Steve Ellis and Jake Hobbs, either side

of the interval, with Luton's other points from the boot of Rik Hobbs, who slotted home both conversions and a first half penalty.

"It's been a disappointing day," said Luton's captain Pat Nelly. "There were aspects of our game that just didn't function, like our line-out, the pitch didn't help, it made it very difficult for us to run the ball."

Sitting third and with eight points separating the top three, prior to today's game, Luton's game against bottom-placed Old Haberdashers at home next weekend is the perfect opportunity to get their league ambition back on track, as they beat Haberdashers 41-21 in the reverse fixture back in October.

"We're looking for a response from the team," said Nelly. With nine league games still to play this season, and the two teams seated above them in the league,

Westcliff and Eton Manor, still to come to Newlands in Luton's last two home league games of the season, Luton are very much in the mix for the honours.

DUNSTABLIANS travelled north to play Lutterworth in Midlands 2 East (South) and were beaten 41-10 as they continue to look for their first league win of 2014. "It was another bad day at the office," said Dees' Campbell Haig. "We just didn't play well enough. They were very physical and kept the ball well, the conditions were good, but if you don't get hold of the ball you can't score." Scoring for the Dees were Scott Oliver and Aaron White, whilst debutante Aiden Kenny looked impressive at 15.

STOCKWOOD PARK continue to rampage their way through Midlands 3 East (South) opposition, dismantling Northampton Casuals 59-19 yesterday after-

noon, meaning they've averaged in excess of one point per minute over the last two games played.

"The boys played very well today," said club President Jason Carr, who also kicked seven from nine conversions. "We really clicked as a team, training's paying off and things are looking good for the rest of the season."

First half tries from Jack Brooks, Paul Harman, Casimar Abaka, Nick Neubert and Tom Readfern set up a 33-0 half-time lead.

A more evenly balanced second period saw Casuals put 19 points on Stockwood, who replied with 26 of their own through Michael Powell, James Hankey [2] and Abaka's second of the afternoon.

Next week Stockwood host strugglers Northampton Mens Own.

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# New Hatter Cam aiming for the Football League

## HATTERS

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**LOAN signing Cameron McGeehan has pledged to do all he can to help get Luton Town back into the promised land of the Football League.**

The 18-year-old Norwich City midfielder has arrived at Kenilworth Road for a 28-day loan, and is keen to hit the ground running for his adopted club.

Speaking after his switch, McGeehan said he was delighted to be joining the promotion chasing side.

He said: "It's great, obviously the boys are doing really well. They are flying. The manager has come in and changed it round. It's a great club to be a part of."

"The dressing room is really close and that is helping me settle in as well. "I'm really looking forward to getting some games under my belt and trying to break my way into the team."

"My manager [Chris Hughton] and the gaffer first starting speaking to each other before Christmas so I knew there was interest there. I'm happy they managed to get it done while the window was open. I've now got 28 days

to give it everything I've got. At my age, 18, I just want to get experience."

"The only reason I'm here is to try to help get Luton into the Football League. I've learnt lots from the lads already. It's a great place to come."

McGeehan describes himself as a defensive midfielder, who likes to get around the pitch.

"I like to be on the ball, pass it around and get my shots off as well," he said.

"I scored in the U21's youth cup final, so if I can chip in with a few goals that would be great, but I'll just be doing whatever the manager has got in mind, if he's looking for a ball winner or a box to box player that's fine."

The teenager captained the Canaries to FA Youth Cup glory last season, scoring penalties in both legs of the final against his former club Chelsea.

McGeehan hopes to use his experience at Wembley during his first loan move with the Hatters.

"Playing in front of 20,000 fans [at Wembley] will hold me in good stead," he said.

I know all about the Luton fans and that around 8,000 come to each game so hopefully that will stand me in good stead for that."

"I'm looking forward to getting in

front of the fans in the home ground

The team have been winning a lot of games and if I can help in that push that would be great. The quality is really good, so hopefully I can get some games and if I can get in the team, that's even better."

"The team are winning so I might not get in the team straight away. I'll get in as soon as I can and do my best to impress the gaffer and the fans, but I'll have to be patient and bide my time."

"I just want to impress and do as well as I can for Luton."

Manager John Still said he had been tracking McGeehan for some time.

"Cameron is all-action, he's strong, he can play, he can tackle and he gets around the pitch really well," he said.

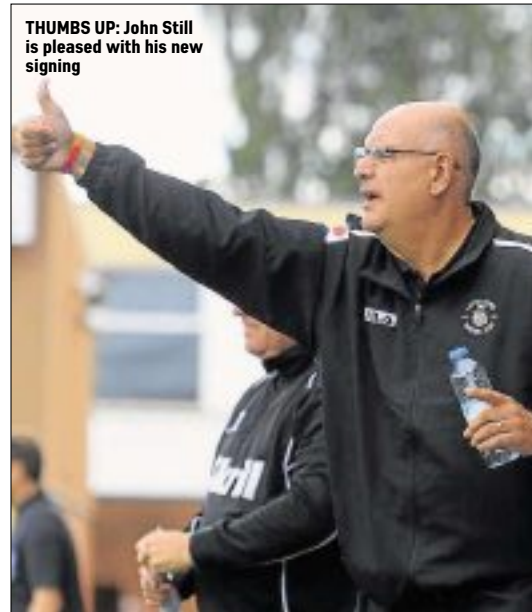
"He worked with Jeff Wood [goal-keeping coach] at Norwich, and Jeff's seen first-hand what a prospect this boy is."

"It's another player we've had our eye on - another target that we have identified and brought in."

"That's pleasing and having Cameron on board gives us another option in midfield."

• Yesterday's home game with Wrexham was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

THUMBS UP: John Still is pleased with his new signing



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